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FISHING VESSEL LANDINGS AT SEATTLE DURING JUNE

During June, the United States halibut fleet landed 3,368,000 pounds of fishery products, worth \$548,000, at Seattle, as the result of 174 trips to North Pacific grounds.

Compared with June 1941, when a total of 3,159,000 pounds was landed, valued at \$363,000, the 1942 figures represent an increase in volume of 7 percent and in value of 51 percent, according to monthly summary figures released today by the Seattle Fishery Market News office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

Species landed in June of this year included 3,054,000 pounds of dressed halibut, valued at \$526,000; 181,000 pounds of dressed sablefish, worth \$16,000; and about 132,000 pounds of dressed "lingcod" and rockfishes, worth over \$5,000. Separate data on halibut fleet liver receipts were not available.

For the first six months of this year, halibut fleet landings at Seattle totaled 9,258,000 pounds, valued at \$1,293,000. For the same period in 1941, landings amounted to 10,747,000 pounds worth \$1,122,000, indicating only slight differences in volume and value.

Mis cellaneous local receipts, by Seattle wholesale dealers, exclusive of the halibut fleet and fish received from Alaska and Canada, totaled 4,602,000, valued at \$412,000, divided among 23 classifications. Compared with 3,426,000 pounds, valued at \$238,000, received during June last year, this represents an increase of 34 percent in volume, and about 73 percent in value.

Additional receipts by Seattle wholesale dealers show a total, for fresh and frozen fish and shellfish, of 1,011,000 pounds for June 1942, as against 1,042,000 pounds for June of last year. Totals for the first six months of this and last year were 6,597,000 and 7,688,000 pounds.

Fresh and frozen halibut and salmon receipts by wholesale dealers show 4,964,000 compared with 5,036,000 pounds, in June '42 and '41, respectively; with a '42 decrease of 3,183,000 pounds for the first six months' totals. Alaska troll salmon receipts, about even with June last year, stood at 2,822,000 pounds.

Average fishermen's prices and price ranges, as paid in Seattle, are also listed in the report.